



Two flanks update: Latvia's alerts now have times and a level

One drone track appears to have alerted two allied states in turn. Three NATO members were on air-defence alert in a single night.

INCIDENT DETAILS • 5WH

Who Estonia and Latvia, both alerted overnight; Romania recovered a live device the same day. No state has been accused of a deliberate incursion.

What Latvia issued two separate airspace alerts. Estonia tracked roughly ten drones near the border, one crossing into the south-east.

Where Aluksne and Ludza districts, eastern Latvia. Narva and south-eastern Estonia. Viisoara, Vaslui county, Romania.

When Aluksne orange alert 03:37 to 04:17. Estonian warning about 03:00 to 05:30, across eight counties.

Why Estonian broadcasting calls it Ukrainian strike overspill; not a formal attribution.

How NATO Baltic Airspace Patrol Mission fighters scrambled for both states. No weapons discharged.

IMPACT

- No casualties, no damage, nothing struck in either Baltic state.
- Two national publics placed under alert between about 03:00 and 05:30. Orange requires the public to act, not merely to be informed.
- The alliance air-policing response was exercised across two allied nations in one night.
- A count of alert events overstates the number of objects, because one track produced alerts in two countries.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



1 Sep Original report: Estonia and Romania

2 Sep Latvian and Estonian broadcasters publish times

1 03:00 - drone nears Narva, alert issued

2 03:37 - Aluksne orange alert opens

3 One track crosses Aluksne into Estonia

4 04:17 - Aluksne alert lifted

5 A second alert covers Ludza district

6 05:30 - Estonian warning lifted

ASSESSMENT, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Two alerts on one track is a thinner picture than two alerts on two. One airframe produced a national response in two states, and that needs no intent behind it.
- Orange carries a public instruction. The effect landed on two populations, not on any target.
- It is unlikely that a formal attribution of deliberate incursion follows for the Baltic tracks of this night.
- It remains highly likely that further drones cross or fall on NATO territory while the exchange continues.